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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director, NPIC
THRU: Executive Director, NPIC
FROM: Chief, CIA/PAD(NPIC)
SUBJECT: Proposal for Establishment of a Far East Joint Photographic Interpretation Center

I. Proposal

Establish a Joint Photographic Interpretation Center in the Far East as an adjunct of the National Photographic Interpretation Center to provide for rapid, coordinated photographic intelligence service in support of all theater commands and in response to directed national policies.

II. Facts for Discussion

- A. Authority for establishment of proposed center granted under NSCID #8.
- B. The various photo collection programs with their different security classifications, processing and exploitation centers make estimates and indications intelligence nearly impossible.
- C. Present procedures fail to provide centralized inputs for photo reconnaissance collection efforts.
- D. The services have not provided effective and efficient photo interpretation support to the theater commands in view of the duplication of effort that currently exists in terms of requirements handling, targeting and interpretation.
- E. Detachments from the proposed center can be deployed to service the quasi-tactical requirements of the local commands.

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